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Name Change Press Release

Malik Sigma Psi announces name change to MALIK Fraternity, Inc.

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The MALIK Fraternity, Inc., a socially conscious collegiate-based African fraternity has officially announced a name change from the Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity (MΣΨ), to the **MALIK Fraternity, Inc.**

On May 18, 2002, the active membership of the Brotherhood convened at City College - CUNY in New York, NY for the Fraternity's 2002 Annual National Convention "The Indaba", where a democratic vote on our name change occurred. The outcome was that the majority of the active membership, voted to officially remove the Sigma and Psi and be solely named the **MALIK Fraternity, Inc.**

Fifteen dynamic and progressive young college men founded the Fraternity on May 13th, 1977 in New York at the C.W. Post campus of the Long Island University. They sought to break away from the college fraternal norm and to implement a college fraternity that more readily identified with the socially conscious climate of the times. It was a time to more accurately define ourselves, rather than to follow the already existing western template of college fraternities in which did not celebrate nor note the contributions of African peoples' traditional greatness to society. The Founders formed an organization that further elevated the social consciousness of people of African descent in America. Its mission: to be a beacon of change and progress, especially for people who have been traditionally and institutionally oppressed in western society. Thus, Malik Sigma Psi was born.

Throughout the years, the fraternity further developed its practice of African Fraternalism. This practice noted that the origins of all secret societal life evolved from Africa, reaching its height in Kemet with the Mystery Systems and not as taught by western scholars.

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More specifically throughout the past ten years, the Brotherhood gradually grew to question the necessity to retain the two “Greek letters” in our name. In no way was this to disrespect or belittle our organization’s beginnings. In fact it was quite the opposite. This “realization” to change and progress came out of the very same spirit in which prompted our dear founders to choose the title “MALIK” in our name back in 1977.

During the 2001-2002 calendar year, the active membership engaged in a series of formal ideological discussions regarding both the necessity to further the Africanization, cultural pride and development of the Brotherhood and at the same time to retain the traditional nomenclature of Sigma and Psi. Thus fraternal history was made on May 18, 2002 at our Indaba when the name issue was finally put to a vote.

Let it be known that the Brotherhood shall always remember, honor, and teach every aspect of our fraternal history. We are just as proud of our past as we are of our present and vision for our future. We changed in order to strengthen the foundation that our Founders laid out in 1977. The name change signified the consciousness necessary to elevate all people of color in this country and ultimately in the world. This change illustrates that we are proudly and boldly, a fully functional African fraternity. A brotherhood practicing the concept of African Fraternalism that embodies all cultures and embraces the desire to uplift all members of the African Diaspora. Our core principles have not faltered from teaching **Manhood, Achievement, Leadership, Integrity and Knowledge.**

MALIK Fraternity represents a growing movement that people of the Diaspora shall no longer be defined by others and that we should continue to be the shapers, builders, definers, leaders and change agents that strive to better our communities and ultimately humanity.

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